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1. AS PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE MODE FY 76 REVIEW
OF OVERSEAS STAFFING, WE FORWARDED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON
USIS, AS SPECIFIED IN REF. A, TO USIA INVITING REACTIONS.

2. WE ARE HAPPY TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING POSITIVE
RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM USIA.

"WHILE WE ARE PUZZLED BY THE CHARGE'S RECOMMENDATION TO
REDUCE AMERICAN PERSONNEL BY ONE, THE AGENCY WILL ELIMINATE
THE SECOND AMERICAN POSITION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF
CALENDAR 1977. WE BELIEVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS
WHO ORIGINALLY MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION WERE MISTAKEN IN
COMPARING USIS OPERATIONS IN MADAGASCAR WITH OTHER ONE-
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OFFICER POSTS IN AFRICA. USIS MADAGASCAR CONDUCTS MORE

EXTENSIVE INFORMATION, CULTURAL AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS THAN
DO MOST ONE-OFFICER POSTS. IT HAS THE AREA'S SECOND
LARGEST ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM WITH A CONSISTENT YEAR-

ROUND ENROLLMENT OF OVER 500 MALAGACHE. IN ADDITION, THE
POST HAS AN ACTIVE BOOK TRANSLATION PROGRAM AND HAS
TRANSLATED AND PUBLISHED FOURTEEN AGENCY-APPROVED BOOKS
INTO MALAGACHE DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE DE-
PARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT REDUCING THE
AMERICAN STAFF BY ONE WILL REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT CURTAIL-
MENT OF THESE PROGRAMS." KISSINGER

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